



STATE OF MICHIGAN
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2005 Election Day Support Options

April 25, 2005

To all counties with jurisdictions that have purchased new voting systems during the first purchase period of 2005:

The statewide voting system contracts provide for election day support from your vendor. Per the contract, your vendor is required to provide full election day support for state, county and local users for the first two **even-numbered year** election cycles. We have also decided to provide a limited amount of funding at the state level to assist with election day support for those jurisdictions converting to new systems this year, since initial implementation will not occur in an even-numbered year.

Those jurisdictions that are converting to new optical scan voting systems in 2005 have two options for obtaining support for 2005 elections: 1) work directly with their vendor to "trade" next year's planned full election day support for use in 2005 elections, or 2) apply for a limited level of support that will be funded by the state. Some jurisdictions have already chosen to "trade" 2006 support for support this year. To exercise this option, you must contact your vendor directly.

If you do not wish to "trade" support, the state will fund a limited amount of election day vendor staff support to assist with elections being held on May 3. This option is only available to those jurisdictions that have just received new voting systems and are using their new systems for the first time to conduct the May 3 election. (A similar arrangement will also be available for elections being held later this year.) Depending on the number of precincts involved, the state will provide funding for 1-4 vendor field support personnel **per county**. (See the table on the attached questionnaire.) Counties should work with their vendor to determine how to best utilize these support representatives.

We ask that you complete the brief (4 item) questionnaire attached and return it to the Bureau of Elections as soon as possible, but no later than **noon on Thursday, April 28**. Please fax or e-mail the completed and signed questionnaire to:

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County: _____

1. Eligibility Determination:

_____ Some or all of the jurisdictions in our county converted to a new voting system
Yes No in 2005 and will be using these systems for the first time in the May 3 election.

If you answered "no", please skip to item 4, as your county is not eligible for May 2005 state-funded election day support.

2. Need for Election Day Support:

Please check one of the following (Note: only complete this section if you answered "yes" in item #1):

_____ Although we converted our voting systems in 2005 and are using the new systems in the May 2005 elections, we do not need state-funded election day support and/or have already arranged for support from our vendor.

_____ We converted our voting systems in 2005 and are using the new systems in the May 2005 elections. We wish to have state-funded election day support for the following number of precincts in our county (please mark the applicable box):

	Number of Total Precincts	Number of Field Support to be Provided
	1 – 10 Precincts	1 Field Support Person
	10 – 50 Precincts	2 Field Support Persons
	51 – 150 Precincts	3 Field Support Persons
	151 + Precincts	4 Field Support Persons

Please attach a listing of those jurisdictions involved that are using their new systems for the first time on May 3.

3. EMS Software Support:

_____ Each County is entitled to receive 1 EMS software support person on election day
Yes No if the county and/or any of their jurisdictions converted their voting systems in 2005 will be using their new EMS system in the May 2005 elections. Please indicate if you would like to obtain EMS software support.

4. Certification:

I certify that the above information is accurate based on our knowledge and records.

Printed Name_____
Title_____
Signature_____
Date